

### AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

**Please replace the paragraph following the title on page 1 with the following rewritten paragraph:**

- This application is a continuation-in-part of application Ser. No. 09/216,005, filed December 17, 1998, now abandoned. ~~This application also claims priority to, and is a~~ continuation of International Application Ser. No. PCT-US99/30089~~PCT/US99/30089~~, filed December 16, 1999. -